

CALIFORNIA BOXING WINS

Effort to Ban the Scrappers by Law Fails Again.

ECHOES OF A LATE MEETING

Bill Naughton Tells Why Kibane Was Not Entitled to Better Than a Draw from Dundee at Vernon.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—After a series of exceedingly spirited skirmishes between the "anti" and the "pro," culminating in a pitched battle that was notable for stubbornness, the men behind the boxing game triumphed at Sacramento.

One measure, fathered by a man named Brown, was defeated in the assembly and another fathered by another Brown was knocked out in the senate. So for two years more at least the sweat of the glove will resound in the western land.

And this is exactly as it should be. Exotic in California, it is conducted on a high plane at present, and a person objecting to it must feel the same way toward any other pastime that is possessed of a thrill. The sport is handled in such a way that a suspicion of crookedness rarely attaches to it. It affords entertainment to thousands and thousands; it only needs a glance at a local fight gathering to make plain that the glove game appeals to "our best people."

Different Type of Boxer.

Moreover, the breed of boxers has improved. The Friday night shows form the cheapest phase of entertainment and offer the smallest remuneration to the four-round specialists who engage in them. Yet a glimpse of the procession of challengers which passes across the fighting platform just before the participants in a "main event" answer the bell is interesting. With their natty clothes and fine appearance generally, they look like a bunch of college youths rather than dealers in uppercuts and wallops, and for some reason not thoroughly explained, excellent ears have become as scarce as radium.

Incidentally, the four-round bout is the popular thing in boxing in this neck of the woods at present. A championship go will always attract the banner crowd of course, but championship attractions are exceedingly rare and a promoter of twenty-round events who has to rely upon long distance men of average caliber has a hard time making ends meet. The Friday night matchmakers invariably play to capacity. This because a program of eight or ten bouts carries the guarantee that if one or two of the bouts are tame the others will be exciting enough to keep the spectators bouncing from their seats.

Kibane-Dundee Decision.

The writer has received three or four letters from the east asking him to express his personal opinion in regard to the decision rendered by Referee Byron in the Kibane-Dundee bout.

First of all, I have to admit that I was surprised in reading eastern ring-side reports from Los Angeles, which made it appear that Byron's ruling gave dissatisfaction and that the injustice done Kibane was palpable to the satisfaction of the spectators and hissing. I heard neither hoot nor hiss, nor did I see anything which could be construed into even a slight demonstration against the referee's verdict.

Balancing Kibane's rapid scoring against Dundee's more solid punching in the majority of the rounds, I consider the draw decision fitted the circumstances perfectly. I have no doubt that some referees would have taken in favor of Kibane. They would have ruled in consideration that he scored the greater number of punches and would have named him on the pick that he was the holder of the championship and was entitled to continue as such until actually bested.

"This, I guess, is on the principle that 'split it to the dealer' and is only one way of looking at the matter. I am inclined to agree with an old time English authority who has said that when a champion enters the ring he relinquishes his championship—that the belt—if there was one, was hung on a ring post and became the principal trophy of the fight. If this line of reasoning holds good it seems to me that a challenger who does every bit as well as the champion in a fight is entitled to share the honors of a draw, and certainly believe that Dundee held his own that day at Vernon.

Kibane Suffered from Tossing.

It is quite possible that the majority of the Vernon spectators, after thinking of Kibane over made up their minds that it would have been no miscarriage of justice if Kibane had been returned winner. But there was nothing at the ring-side to indicate sentiment of that kind and it may be it would be easy enough to find the reason.

You have often heard of a show being billed. Well, Kibane's end of the Vernon show was overbilled. In the day preceding the match the Cleveland show was boosted to the skies. The other boy was not conceded a chance. It was merely a question of how long it would take Kibane to secure a knockout, and there was speculation as to whom he would meet when he threw in his lot with the lightweights.

The judgment and the expectations of Kibane's backers were reflected in the betting. It was as bad as 10 to 5 against Dundee at one stage with very little "three." This naturally led the non-betting element to look for an overwhelming victory for Kibane and when round after round went on and he failed to encompass a knockout or even establish a lead, disappointment prevailed and may be the work that Dundee was doing was overestimated.

This may have accounted for the apathetic condition of the crowd at the finish. The opinion is given for what it is worth, but the writer still holds to the view that Dundee was entitled to share the honors of the award.

NO INTER-CLASS GAMES AT CREIGHTON LAST WEEK

No games were played during the last week in the Creighton University Inter-Class Base Ball League. Games are played in the league only the first three days of the week and they were all cancelled to allow the varsity more time to prepare for the game with South Dakota State University Thursday.

The league series will be finished June 1 and the winning team will be given the status of Creighton battlers or a banquet.

The standing at present:

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Harvard Has Strong Crew in Varsity Shell



KEEPING BASE BALL HONEST

Johnson and Lynch Maintain Standard at High Pitch.

INTEGRITY OF GAME SOUND

Suspension of Stovall and Dismissal of Owens Proves Temper of the Sport.

By W. J. M'BETH.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Organized base ball may be beyond the reproach of a congressional probe, but the powers are taking no chances with the trusting public. This position was most emphatically demonstrated quite recently by the heads of the two major leagues. Ban Johnson, who has been the most successful manager since he was elected to the position of president of the National League, and George Stovall, who has been the most successful manager since he was elected to the position of president of the American League, have both been suspended for a period of time for alleged tampering with the umpires.

NO OTHER COURSE OPEN.

Yet nothing but the most drastic course was open to Ban Johnson. Stovall so far forgot himself in the presumed outrage against his rights as a player as to forget his duty as manager. Objecting to a called strike he pulled the cap—the official uniform by the way—from the head of the umpire and spat upon the arbiter's coat. No one can deny that such conduct would have been very offensive to the fans of the game.

Conditions of Presidents.

Ban Johnson may always be counted upon to run his league as he thinks best to all interests. He is more free than Tom Lynch, the head of the National League, is bound down by restrictions and petty precedents. In the matter of his umpires, however, Lynch is absolutely supreme, and he has shown in the Owens case that if his hands were not tied by the red tape of the National League he would undoubtedly be as fearless as he is honest in the discharge of all those duties which naturally devolve upon the executive, but which for some reason are attended to by magnates at large in the old major leagues.

Public Confidence the Basis.

Organized base ball has nothing to fear so long as public confidence in its honesty maintains. For which reason the powers that control the national pastime have every right and reason to guard every avenue against suspicion. It is their duty to see that no shadow of dishonesty is thrown on the great institution. The public surely could not have confidence in an umpire who was known to be betting on the games in which he worked. And, by inference, there would be little confidence in an arbiter who bet at all. Doubtless Owens is as honest and square as any man in the sport; but he did a very foolish thing when he left a loophole of attack. As Lynch says, there is a moral dignity to the position of his umpires, which involves his protection; this protection Owens forfeited when he so far forgot himself, his station, his league and his protector.

Gambler's Fees of Game.

Let the gamblers see get hold of base ball and the only clean professional sport left would not survive many months. For years the base ball promoters have waged relentless war against all manner of betting on base ball results. The evil has been pretty well stamped out of the parks, for in none of these is anything even suggestive of open betting. Of course individual wagering will continue so long as money has any value. The national commission, too, has suppressed any number of syndicates who made future bets on the league races and so the world's series it could not and never can stop the wagering in sporting centers where base ball returns are received by wire, but it has succeeded much of the open hand booking at these places.

Not Popular in East.

Betting on base ball games has never been popular in the east. Until betting horse racing was introduced by Governor Hughes there were too many other more highly approved channels for that particular form of pleasure. It is quite true

that local base ball absorbed a certain quantity of the race track element when the sport of kings went to the bad. But it was the higher type of those interested in elevation of the breed of the horse.

The bookmaker was left outside with the tout and the "oil horn." The race track people, you see, have not had sufficient opportunity to study up the game as a gambling proposition. In this way they are a generation behind the inhabitants of Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Chicago, who know the shade of percentage on almost any of the game's myriad possibilities.

Carpentier-Wells Match Attracting Lots of Interest

PARIS, May 17.—Interest in boxing circles is pretty well centered on the Carpentier-Wells match, to take place at Ghent on May 25. Those who claim to be "in the know" are putting up a bunch of loose change on the jaunty Frenchman, as they believe his science will overcome the smiling bombardier. When M. Decamp, Carpentier's manager, is spoken to about the difference in weight and height of the contestants he only replies, with a shrug of his shoulders, "That is nothing. Carpentier's weight is exactly the same as the weight of the Fitzsimmons fought at and the height makes no difference."

WESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES

Shestak, Omaha Catcher, Leads All with the Willow. THOMASON LEADS REGULARS. Records Show that Many Hitters in the Western Are Swatting the Ball Hard So Far This Season.

Base Ball Records Have Been Compiled For Fan's Benefit

NEW YORK, May 15.—For the benefit of base ball fans, among whom many disputes are sure to arise as to best results in base ball, the following records have been compiled and compactly arranged for pasting purposes in the crown of one's folder. The most important in the big show are:

Pitching Records—Marquard (New York), and Keefe (New York), nineteen straight, in the American League; Wood (Boston), and Johnson (Washington), sixteen straight.

Honest Wins—Providence (National League), 1904, twenty-three; Boston (American League), 1905, twenty.

Consecutive Defeats—Pittsburgh (National League), 1900, twenty-three; Boston (American League), 1905, twenty.

Stolen Base Record—Harry Stover, 1888, 102 steals.

Greatest Number of Runs Scored in a Single Season—Hamilton (Philadelphia), 1894, 100.

Strike-out Record—Hugh Daly (Chicago), 1884, twenty; for a season, Kilroy (Baltimore), 1884, twenty.

Home Run Record—Ruek Freeman (Washington), 1899, twenty-five.

Record of Victories—Chicago Cubs, 1904, 116.

Greatest Number of Games Pitched—Radbourn (Providence), 1884, seventy-two.

Record Attendance—New York, October 14, 1911, 28,281.

Longest Game—Boston against Athletics, 1900, twenty-four innings.

Hannes Kolehmainen Proves King of 'Em All

Hannes Kolehmainen, the great Finnish runner, photographed as he broke the tape, winning the modified Marathon in New York Saturday over a course of twelve and three-eighths miles. There were 1,200 starters, but the great Finn took the lead as soon as he got started and plow his way through the great jam at the beginning of the race. He headed the pack all the way and won by the handy margin of three minutes. Harry Smith was second and Gaston Strohm third.

LIGHTWEIGHT METEOR MAY BECOME CHAMPION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 17.—Ewd Anderson, the latest meteor in the lightweight sky, believes that he is the heir apparent to the crown once worn by Gene Nelson, Wolcott, et al. He has cleared \$4,000 in the last few months and says that Promoter McCarley has promised him his belt with Mandot on May 24. Joe Rivers on July 2 and Willie Griffith on Labor day. "I am ready to fulfill my part of the contract," says Anderson. "So you see, in three more fights, or six in all from the time I first struck California, I will be champion of the world."

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THE 1913 VARSITY EIGHT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND COACH JIM WRAY.



CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 17.—The students at Harvard University are enthusiastic over the prospects of the varsity eight-oar crew this spring.

Wray declares it is one of the strongest eights he has turned out in years and predicts that it will make a clean sweep in all of the regattas in which it is entered. Such reassuring assertions have lent an incentive to rowing enthusiasm at the college, and aquatic doings in inter-collegiate circles is the all important topic of conversation whenever two or more students get together.

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FIELDING AVERAGES.

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Pitchers' Records.

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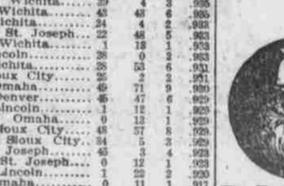
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Connie Mack, after looking over the Boston Red Sox and studying the dope on the other teams, remarks that the champions of last year are already out of the running and that the Athletics, Washington and Cleveland are the three teams to fight it out for the American League pennant.

All that the Naps need, says Connie, is steady pitching to make them a factor.

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